



**Geneva Township
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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December

2014



The Center Newsletter

Holiday Tea and Food Collection

This month we'll come together on **Friday, December 12 @ 11:00** for our annual holiday tea. This lovely event will bring Center ladies together for a holiday celebration. Attendees will be treated to a mug of chili and corn bread from Egg Harbor in Geneva and homemade holiday Biscotti. Of course, the teapots will be full of hot tea. Favors and a few door prizes will add to the festivities. We'll conclude the afternoon by singing some favorite carols. The tea is limited to the first 48 Center women who sign up. Call 630/232-3602 **beginning on Monday, December 1** to make your reservation.

In addition to our tea festivities, each participant is asked to bring non-perishable food items (see list below for suggestions) that will be donated to the Food Pantry at St. Peter Church. **Please be sure to check expiration dates. We will have to dispose of all expired items.** A decorated box is located in the Center dining room for donations. **This opportunity is being extended to the entire Center membership.** The deadline to make a donation is **Friday, December 12.** If you'd prefer to make a cash donation and have someone from the committee shop for you, stop by the Center office to pick up an envelope for your donation. Put your name, address, and phone number on the envelope and place your donation inside. You'll get a return call telling you what was purchased. Please make your cash donation **no later than Tuesday, December 9th** so we have time to shop. If you have questions, call the Center office.

Suggestions

Canned Beans	Tuna	Mac-n-Cheese Mix
Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter	Pudding/Jello
Canned Soup	Jelly/Jam	Dry Soup Mix
Canned Veggies	Pasta Ready Sauce	Breakfast Cereal
Pasta Noodles	Spaghettios/Ravioli	Tomato Products
Ensure/Boost	Crackers	Potato or Rice Mix

Important Dates

Holiday Revue Rehearsal	12/1
Center Decorating	12/4
Friday Bridge	12/5, 12, 19, 26
Friday Movies	12/5, 12, 19, 26
Candlelight Carols	12/7
Holiday Appetizer Demo	12/8
Topics	12/10
Ladies Holiday Tea	12/12
<i>Holiday Revue 2014</i>	12/14
CENTER CLOSED	12/24
CENTER Special Hours	12/25
Book Club	12/30
New Year's Eve Toast	12/31
CENTER CLOSED	1/1/2015

The Center Needs You!

If you'd like to help decorate the Center for the holiday season, join us on **Thursday, December 4th at 1:00.** We'll provide the tree, decorations, lights, etc. if you can lend some of your decorating creativity. Enjoy some holiday cookies and coffee, too!

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Center shall be to act as the primary community resource to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults contribute to the well being of our community as effective and useful citizens of the township; helping those approaching or in retirement to plan appropriately; organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents; decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; and, helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging.

Topics Group

This month's *Topics* group will continue a discussion started in November regarding the **Fabyan/Settler's Hill Master Plan**. Join the group as they sort through all the issues surrounding the former landfill property. Kane County board member John Martin will attend to add his perspective. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 10 @ 1:00**. This coed group welcomes all participants and opinions!

Center Holiday Schedule

The Center will be closed on **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24** and **New Years Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015**. However, the Center doors will be open on **Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 from 12:30 - 3:30** if you'd like to stop by and share some Christmas cheer. An informal lunch and dessert will be served in the dining room. As always, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served. The pool table and computers are available for your use, too. If you think you might stop by, let Sheri know.

Winter Safety

Despite the fact that winter is not officially here, the cold and snow have us all digging out our winter coats and snow scrapers. The Center will work to keep the parking lot and walks as clean and free of snow and ice as possible. Use caution when you're walking and driving!

Holiday Revue 2014

On **Sunday, December 14** from **1:00pm – 3:00pm** the annual **Holiday Revue** will be presented in the Center dining room. Center members will entertain you with a fun mix of singing, comedy, holiday memories, and the always popular group-sing. Enjoy the warmth of the season while spending an enjoyable afternoon with your friends. You'll enjoy light refreshments and drinks at your table. **Seats are limited**. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to make a reservation.

IMPORTANT

HOLIDAY REVUE DRESS REHEARSAL
ALL SHOW PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ATTEND
MONDAY, DEC. 1ST AT 12:30

The Museum of Extraordinary Things

Join the book club discussion of Alice Hoffman's novel, *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, on **Tuesday, December 30 @ 10:00am**. This novel is a weave of realism and fairy tale in the unsentimental narrative style, containing suffering, betrayal and death, as well as pure love, fate and a happy ending. It is also a love letter to New York City circa 1911, when northern Manhattan was still a rural place.



Carousel and West Side Story Sign-ups

Fifteen Center members have expressed an interest in attending *Carousel* at the Lyric Opera in Chicago on **Thursday, April 23** for the matinee performance. So, it's a go! We will continue to take reservations for this production through **Wednesday, December 17**. If you are interested, please contact the Center no later than the 17th. A ticket in the First Balcony and round-trip luxury coach bus transportation from the Center will cost \$70. A payment due date for this trip will be announced in the January newsletter.

Some interest has been expressed in *West Side Story* at the **Drury Lane Theatre on February 26** for the matinee performance. Ticket and round-trip transportation would cost \$55. We need more participation... please let us know if you'd like to attend this show.

New Year's Eve Toast!

It's almost over... 2014, that is! Stop by the Center on December 31 at 2:00pm. We'll provide the sparkling cider and you can toast to 2014 and the New Year that's just around the corner. As we reflect individually on the past year, let's also celebrate what the Center means to each of us. Cheers to a wonderful 2015!

NEW Friday Bridge @ 12:30

Our calendar currently has two days of organized bridge on Monday and Tuesday each week. Interest in adding a third afternoon of bridge has prompted us to put bridge on our Friday afternoon schedule. Maybe you already take advantage of our Monday **Bridge with Lois** at 1:30 or our drop-in Tuesday bridge at 12:30. If you've been contemplating joining our bridge players, why not do it! The Friday Bridge group will meet at 12:30 on the Center porch. New players are always welcome! Call the Center office at 630/232-3602 if you have any questions.

Lunch at the Center

Beef Goulash, Chicken Alfredo, BBQ Riblet, Cheese Manicotti, and Meatloaf are a few entrees in December. There's fruit at each meal, too. Check out the entire menu calendar on the newsletter insert. The midday meal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is served from 11:30-12:15. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch. You must call by 9:00 am two days in advance to guarantee a meal...A free-will donation is accepted at each meal to defray the cost of your meal.

Newsletter Vacation

If you are planning an extended trip away from home, please call the Center to have your newsletter stopped until you return. Every month, the postal service returns several newsletters to us that aren't deliverable due to a member being temporarily away from home. We remove you from our postal list if your newsletter is returned. Help us save postage costs; we'll be glad to return you to our active list upon your return – just call to tell us you're back. If you're away and have computer access, the newsletter is available at www.genevatownship.com.

Daily Drop-In Activities

The following activities are available whenever the Center is open, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. It's all free; no need to sign up!

- **Billiards:** 8-ball and 9-ball, on the porch when the porch is not scheduled for other activities. The players tend to gather Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice solo.
 - **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
 - **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars etc.
 - **Magazines:** the latest are in the lounge area.
 - **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune, Wall Street Journal. New every day.
 - **Jigsaw Puzzles:** One is always underway and anyone can help solve it.
 - **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, mah jongg and other board games.
 - **55" Big Screen TV:** When the TV room is not otherwise in use, you can watch our movies or bring in one of your own.
 - **Computer Access:** Drop by and log on.
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St. Charles Singers *Candlelight Carols* Reminder

If you've reserved a ticket for the *Candlelight Carols* with the **St. Charles Singers**, please stop by the Center **no later than Friday, December 5** to pick up your ticket. If you can't pick it up by Friday, please call the office. We will make arrangements to meet you on the day of the concert. The concert will be held at **The Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles** (located on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Avenues) on **Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m.** Seating is open... **meet at the church at 2:20 p.m.** if you'd like to sit with the group. The concert is sold out!



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smcmurray@genevatownship.com

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FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM ON THE BIG SCREEN! WITH POPCORN!

DECEMBER 5

The Hundred-Foot Journey (2014)
Starring Helen Mirren
Rated PG (2:02 Hours)

The famous chef at a three-star French restaurant reluctantly begins mentoring an Indian boy whose family owns a rival establishment in the neighborhood.

DECEMBER 12

The Giver (2014)
Starring Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep
PG-13 (1:37 Hours)

Jonas is a young man who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Yet as he begins to spend time with The Giver, who is the sole keeper of all the community's memories, Jonas quickly begins to discover the dark and deadly truths of his community's secret past.

DECEMBER 19

And So It Goes (2014)
Starring Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton
Rated PG-13 (1:34 Hours)

A realtor's plans for retirement are thwarted when he's left to care for a granddaughter he didn't know existed and the woman who unexpectedly enters his life.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screen (2nd Monday)
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!) One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic
- Lunches
- Computer Access

DECEMBER 26

The Skeleton Twins (2014)
Starring Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, and Luke Wilson
Rated R for language, drug use, & some sexuality
(1:33)

Estranged twins Maggie and Milo are both unhappy when he moves in with Maggie and her husband.